SA OVERSEAS GOODS EXPORTS SEPTEMBER 2026

SUMMARY

In the 12 months to September 2026:

- The value of South Australia's overseas goods exports totalled $18.7 billion, up 13% ($2.1 billion) on the previous twelve months (moving annual total, in original terms).
- Nationally, the value of overseas goods exports totalled $544.6 billion, up 5.3% ($27.6 billion) over the same period.
- South Australia accounted for 3.4% of national overseas goods exports value.
- Increases in the value of overseas goods exports were recorded in all jurisdictions, led by the Northern Territory (up 25%), followed by New South Wales and Tasmania (both up 18%), South Australia (up 13%), Victoria (up 4.0%), Western Australia (up 1.2%) and Queensland (up 0.8%). See Chart 1.

MAJOR EXPORT DESTINATIONS

Major South Australian export markets that experienced growth in the year to September 2026 compared with the year to September 2025 included:

- India (up $647 million or 54%);
- China (up $566 million or 16%);
- France (up $333 million or 103%);
- South Korea (up $201 million or 69%); and
- Thailand (up $198 million or 30%).

(Annual growth in exports of more than $100 million was recorded for 8 export destinations).

Major South Australian export markets that experienced a decline in the year to September 2026 included:

- Taiwan (down $154 million or 28%);
- South Africa (down $119 million or 55%);
- Pakistan (down $68 million or 79%);
- Vietnam (down $43 million or 7.4%); and
- Bangladesh (down $38 million or 14%).

See Table 1 and Chart 2.

Chart 1: **Australian Exports by State**
($b, moving annual totals)

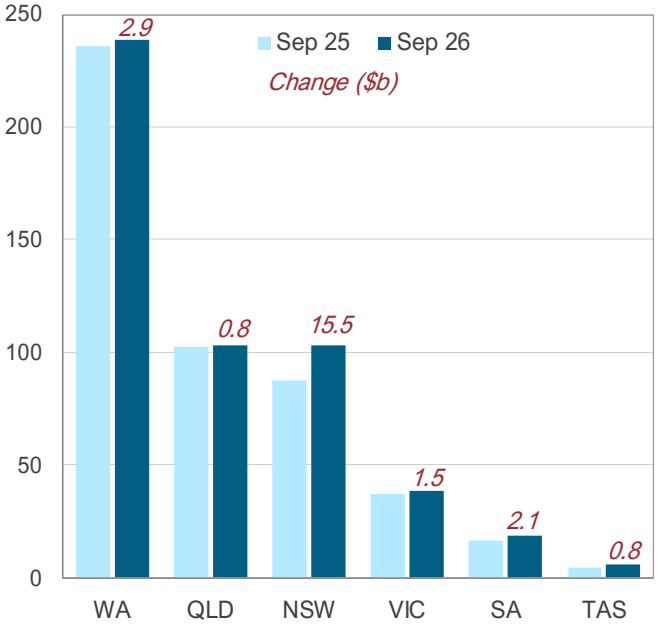
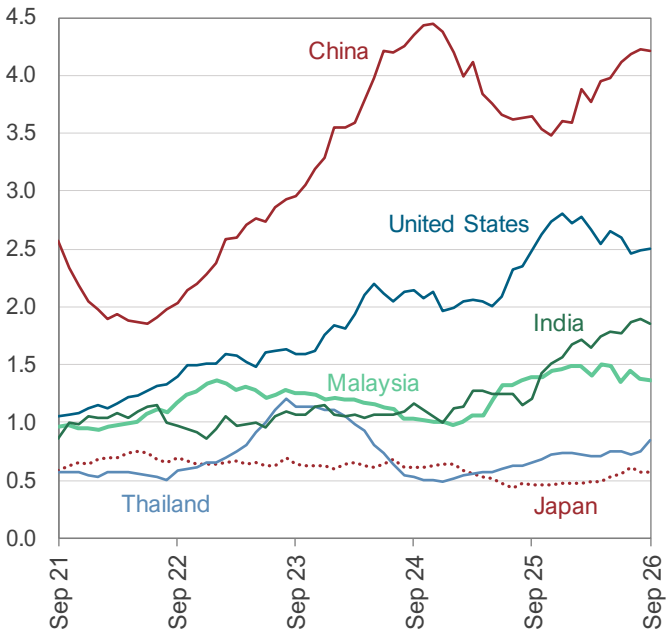


Chart 2: **SA Exports by Destination**
($b, moving annual total)



MAJOR EXPORT COMMODITIES

In South Australia, export commodities recording growth in the year to September 2026 compared with the year to September 2025 included:

- Copper ores and concentrates (up $759 million or 57%);
- Refined copper and copper products (up $631 million or 21%);
- Barley (up $352 million or 122%);
- Wheat (up $328 million or 34%); and
- Vegetables (up $123 million or 18%).

Notes: Monthly estimates of merchandise exports are generally volatile and are unadjusted for seasonal factors—consequently monthly data should be treated with caution.

Figures in this brief are reported in moving annual total terms to remove the impact of seasonality.

All data is in original nominal terms, hence both quantity and price changes contribute to changes in values.

During the same period, South Australian exports that recorded a decline in value included:

- Iron ore and concentrates (down $366 million or 44%);
- Lead (down $100 million or 23%);
- Wine (down $83 million or 4.7%);
- Animal oils and fats (down $41 million or 44%); and
- Lamb and mutton (down $20 million or 2.8%).

See Table 2 and Charts 3a and 3b.

Note: exports of copper ores and concentrates at the state level have been confidentialised intermittently from June 2020 onwards. A complete annual total from monthly data has been available since the September 2025 data release.

For further information on particular commodities, including six monthly totals of copper ores and concentrates, see the Department for Energy and Mining's Economic Dashboard.

Next release of ABS International Trade in Goods is 3 December 2026.

Chart 3a: **SA Exports by Commodity**
($b, moving annual totals)

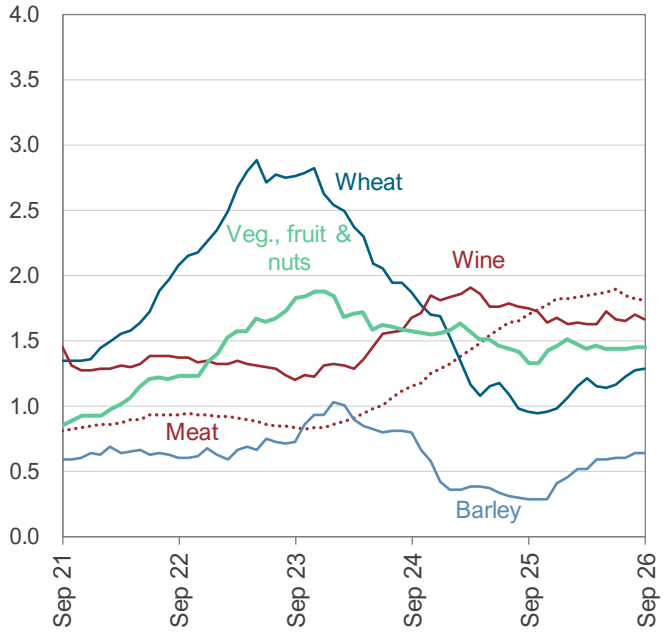


Chart 3b: **SA Exports by Commodity**
($b, moving annual total)

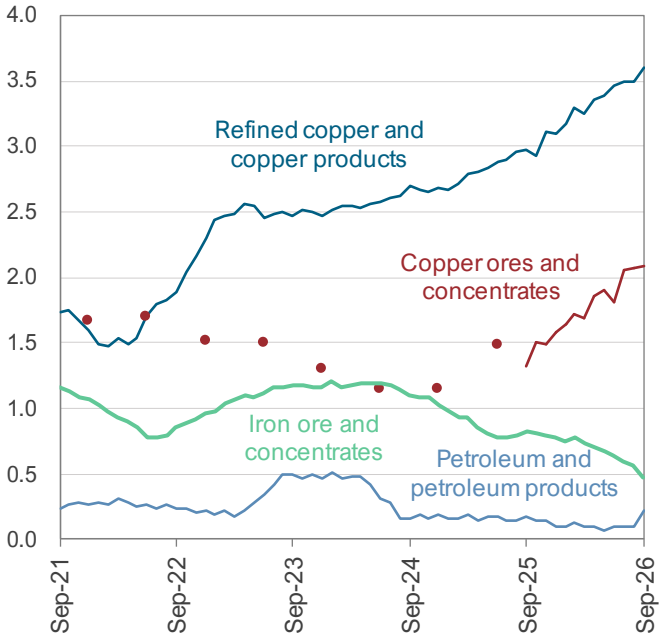


Table 1: Selected South Australian Overseas Exports by Destination

Country name	F.O.B Value 12 Months to September 2026 ($m)	Change from the previous year %	Change from the previous year abs ($m)
United States	2,503.4	0.7%	16.3
Canada	568.6	7.6%	40.4
North East Asia			
China	4,211.4	15.5%	565.6
Hong Kong	202.1	-7.4%	-16.3
Taiwan	396.7	-28.0%	-154.0
Japan	575.3	24.7%	114.0
South Korea	493.7	68.6%	200.9
South East Asia			
Indonesia	658.4	23.2%	124.1
Malaysia	1,357.9	-2.4%	-34.1
Singapore	257.7	7.1%	17.0
Thailand	849.2	30.4%	198.0
Vietnam	538.5	-7.4%	-43.2
Philippines	96.2	68.5%	39.1
South Asia			
India	1,856.2	53.6%	647.4
Bangladesh	232.9	-14.1%	-38.2
Pakistan	17.6	-79.3%	-67.5
Middle East			
Egypt	58.3	-21.7%	-16.2
Saudi Arabia	143.4	35.5%	37.6
European Union			
Belgium	188.5	0.5%	0.9
France	655.2	103.5%	333.2
Germany	117.5	-12.4%	-16.6
Netherlands	188.4	26.0%	38.8
United Kingdom	414.7	7.7%	29.5
New Zealand	441.1	16.5%	62.6
Total	**18,689.2**	**12.8%**	**2,121.8**

Table 2: Selected South Australian Overseas Exports by Commodity

SITC	Commodity name	F.O.B Value 12 Months to September 2026 ($m)	Change from the previous year %	Change from the previous year abs ($m)
0	Food and live animals	5,896.8	19.4%	957.2
00	Live animals	3.0	-60.4%	-4.5
01	Meat	1,805.7	6.4%	109.2
011	Beef	957.2	12.9%	109.2
0121	Lamb and mutton	709.9	-2.8%	-20.1
02	Dairy products and eggs	156.7	7.2%	10.6
03	Seafood	285.4	8.0%	21.1
04	Cereals and cereal preparations	2,005.9	49.9%	667.8
041	Wheat	1,282.8	34.4%	328.3
043	Barley	640.2	122.0%	351.8
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts	1,451.0	9.2%	121.6
054	Vegetables	820.0	17.6%	122.9
057	Fruit and nuts	592.2	-0.6%	-3.3
0577	Nuts	444.0	6.6%	27.4
08	Animal feed	150.5	20.4%	25.5
1	Beverages and tobacco	1,699.1	-5.8%	-104.2
1121	Wine	1,668.6	-4.7%	-82.6
2	Crude materials (exc. fuels)	3,732.5	16.4%	525.5
22	Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	404.8	26.4%	84.4
26	Textile fibres	70.3	-11.2%	-8.8
268	Wool and animal hair	68.7	-9.6%	-7.3
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	3,126.4	19.3%	505.4
281	Iron ore and concentrates	465.3	-44.0%	-365.5
283	Copper ores and concentrates	2,081.5	57.4%	758.7
288	Non-ferrous base metal waste and scrap	225.3	7.5%	15.7
28821	Copper waste and scrap	95.3	4.4%	4.0
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials	81.1	-18.0%	-17.8
2925	Seeds used for sowing	58.5	-22.1%	-16.6
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	255.4	21.2%	44.7
33	Petroleum and petroleum products	224.0	29.7%	51.3
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	60.1	-40.4%	-40.7
5	Chemicals and related products	442.1	7.4%	30.4
52	Inorganic chemicals	170.0	9.9%	15.3
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	59.2	4.8%	2.7
6	Manufactured goods	4,109.7	13.9%	500.5
67	Iron and steel	55.8	2.9%	1.6
68	Non-ferrous metals	3,937.4	15.6%	531.4
682	Refined copper and copper products	3,603.9	21.2%	630.7
685	Lead	331.2	-23.1%	-99.7
7	Machinery and transport equipment	627.6	14.2%	78.0
78	Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	95.9	38.5%	26.7
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	203.7	-0.7%	-1.4
87	Profess., scientific and controlling instruments	110.0	-6.1%	-7.1
9	Other/confidential	1,662.0	8.6%	131.8
	Total	**18,689.2**	**12.8%**	**2,121.8**